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1. Large numbers of opponents of the regime have been interned in villages in Northern Bulgaria, sent to concentration camps or placed at forced labor.
2. Sizeable numbers of former government officials and persons formerly wealthy have been recruited as informers by the regime. All social strata are penetrated by agents and informers, many of whom are used to uncover opposition by acts of provocation.
3. The peasantry, which are the element most persistently persecuted by the regime, continue to show their open dissatisfaction. Politically conscious peasants are now largely confined in prisons and concentration camps. At least eighty percent of members of collective farms are bitterly opposed to the forced delivery of the larger part of their produce at low fixed official prices because they cannot find means to support themselves and are generally employed by the state.
4. After the peasantry former members of the Bulgarian Communist Party who have been expelled because of nationalist tendencies, are the most persecuted group in present-day Bulgaria. Officers who have been expelled from the armed services under accusation of "fascism" are the last to be troubled. The largest number of informers and agents is to be found in this group.
5. The port of Varna was "blockaded" during the period 4-5 July, inclusive, at which time several large Soviet vessels were unloaded by troops not belonging to the Varna garrison. Since the outbreak of war in Korea an unspecified number of Soviet citizens in civilian clothes and a few Soviet Marines have been seen in Varna.

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